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CANFIELD A FELON, SAYS MR. JEROME

District Attorney Grows Emphatic When Served with Papers in a Suit Brought by the Alleged Gambler.

OTHERS ARE ALSO SERVED.

Inspector Brooks and Capt. Piper Are Made Defendants—Jerome Subpoenas Several Rich Men to Testify as to Canfield's Place.

Papers have been served upon District Attorney Jerome, Second Deputy Police Commissioner Piper and Inspector Brooks in a civil suit brought by Richard Canfield to recover \$8,000 "for lace curtains and woodwork maliciously and wilfully jointly destroyed" by the defendants in the famous Canfield raid on Dec. 1.

In addition criminal proceedings have been brought against Inspector Brooks by the manager of Canfield's gambling house, charging him with exceeding his authority in breaking in through a window before demanding admission at the door.

Deputy Commissioner Piper and Inspector Brooks were served with the papers in the civil suit this morning. They had nothing to say.

The summons against Inspector Brooks was issued by Magistrate Brann in the morning.

District Attorney Jerome was served in his office this afternoon. He had nothing to say.

"Things have come to a pretty pass," he commented. "Here a man who has been a felon for years in Newport, Saratoga and New York. Everybody in New York knows he is a felon. It's a funny thing that a man of his brand is so solicitous about his rights."

Not Getting Cold Feet.

"This proceeding is a disgrace to the city. The people of New York thought I would never have the nerve to tackle Canfield, and that if I did tackle him such powerful influences would be brought to bear that I would not be able to get the case on its merits. I haven't got to the senate stage where any influence can make me let up while prosecuting a felon."

"But, all things considered, it is a good thing that this matter has come up. It will indicate the real feeling of the city. It will indicate whether or not the city has degenerated to the extent of protecting a man who has been running a gambling house in open defiance of the law."

"There may be many people who have taken a neutral attitude in this gambling business, but I believe that there are still good citizens who will stand by the District Attorney when he is trying to do his duty."

"There is a funny side to it, too. I cannot see how any two lawyers could have been so stupid as Mr. Forbes Hennessy and Mr. Delahanty have been, in taking this matter into their hands. You may rest assured that Gov. Black and Justice Fursman had nothing to do with starting this proceeding. They know that the best thing for a man of Canfield's stripe is to keep under cover. The only safety for a felon is secrecy, the same as it is the only safety for a thief."

Jerome Didn't Plan the Raid.
"Neither Commissioner Piper nor myself had anything to do with this entrance into Canfield's. It was a police matter entirely, in charge of the inspector of the precinct. I see that my share of the alleged damage amounts to \$2,018. Mr. Osborne, my assistant, has promised to go on my note for that sum."

The District Attorney was asked by the reporters to explain why he denominated Canfield as a felon. He has never been convicted of a crime—in fact, he has never been arrested, nor has a warrant ever been issued against him—so far as is known in New York. If the District Attorney is familiar with details of Canfield's life going back further than the memory of other New Yorkers extends, he did not make it known.

"I call him a felon," said Mr. Jerome, "by authority of section No. 344 of the Penal Code, which provides that it is a felony for a man to conduct a gambling house or to have gambling paraphernalia on his premises. If the stuff we took out of Canfield's is not gambling paraphernalia, I would like to be enlightened on what it is."

It was the intention of Forbes Hennessy, who is acting as counsel for Canfield, to apply for a warrant for Inspector Brooks.

After consultation with Magistrate

SAW HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE.

Edward Bond Looked on Helpless While Woman Sinks Beside Little Ones She Tried to Save, and Attempted Same Death.

THEN FOUGHT HIS RESCUER.

Both Struggled Desperately on Stairs, and Were Badly Burned, Although Firemen Dragged Them to Safety with Hooks.

In a top-story tenement room through which the flames were roaring, Edward Bond, insane from seeing his wife and two children burning to death before him this morning, fought a desperate battle to get to them. His opponent was a man, who, like himself had climbed into the room to rescue them. They were engaged in a fierce fight with the flames leaping about and singeing and blistering them when the firemen came up on a ladder and dragged both from the death furnace.

Mrs. Maude Bond, thirty-two, and her children, Raymond, seven, and Rosie, five, were burned to death in a rear room of their apartments on the top floor of the five-story tenement house at No. 2412 First avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-third and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street. Several others were badly burned.

The fire, which started in the hall on the first floor, was discovered at 4 o'clock this morning as it leaped to the roof through the hall, which acted as a flue. Members of most of the fourteen families who lived in the building were shouting the alarm of fire from front windows when Edward Bond on the top floor was awakened by the flames leaping through the thin doors.

He rushed to the cot of his two-year-old daughter Helen. The blaze had crept up on the bed and had burned the child's face and arms. The father carried her to the hall, but finding escapes cut off there he ran to the fire-escape at the front window. From there he carried the child into rooms in the next house, by a great curtain of leaping flames. As the blaze leaped and cleared he saw his wife, with the fire swirling about her, sink down beside the already unconscious children.

Returning to his own home for his wife and the older children he saw his wife in the back room trying to lift the fallen body of little Rosie from the floor. They were separated from him by a great curtain of leaping flames. As the blaze leaped and cleared he saw his wife, with the fire swirling about her, sink down beside the already unconscious children.

The flames leaped to the ceiling, and Bond, to keep his head clear of them, fell on his hands and knees and tried to crawl to his little family. He saw his wife, with the fire swirling about her, sink down beside the already unconscious children.

At that moment Patrick Prendergast, also a tenant of the top floor, saw that Bond must surely perish with his wife and children if he made his way to them and he jumped in through the window and caught Bond by the foot, yelling to him to come back, that only death was before him.

Bond tried to jerk his imprisoned foot loose, and finding he could not, he turned and assaulted his rescuer. Both men on their knees with the fire singeing their heads, fought desperately—Bond as man and Prendergast as a persistent and fearless lifesaver.

Thus they were fighting, giving blow for blow and the flames getting lower and lower, and blistering their heads and arms, when Capt. Lawler and Lieut. Quinn, with several firemen from Hook and Ladder Truck No. 14, reached the top landing of the fire-escape and saw their insane battle. The men were grabbed with hooks and brought to the windows and from there they were carried down the ladders to the street.

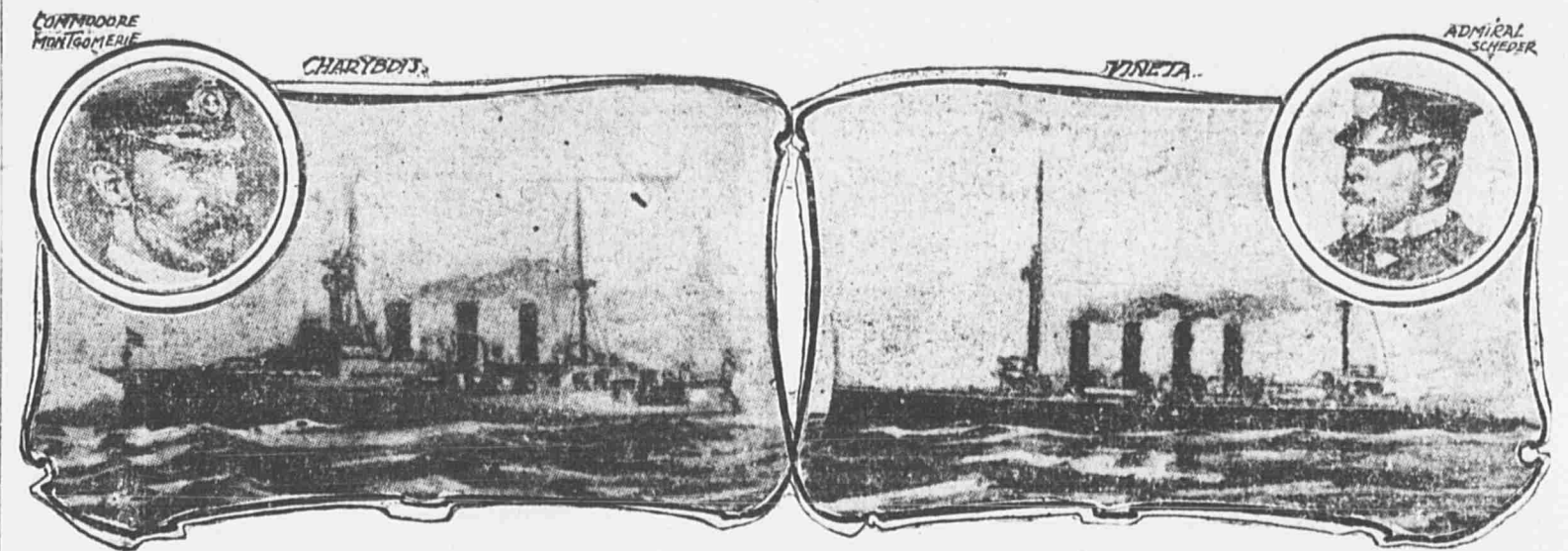
Both were so seriously burned about the head and neck and arms that the doctors spent several hours bandaging the wounds.

John Hinkey, his wife and five children, living on the fourth floor, climbed down the fire-escape to the street with nothing on but their night clothes. They lost all their savings and property. Prendergast's wife and William Johnson and his wife, living on the top floor, were taken down by the firemen. A pathetic story of motherly sacrifice was revealed when the dead bodies of Mrs. Bond and the two children were found. Caring not for herself, Mrs. Bond had wrapped her gown about the two children, and as they fell to the floor she threw herself on top of them to still further protect them from the flames, which were getting lower each second. All died from suffocation.

LITTLE ONE BURNED WHILE STIRRING FIRE.

Stirring a dying fire in an effort to keep warm, Annie Sylvester, a child of four, was fatally burned to-day. The family live in a tenement at No. 100 West 10th street.

ALLIED ADMIRALS AND AMERICAN FLAGSHIPS AND AMERICAN CONSULATE WHICH WAS WITHIN 120 FEET OF THE SHELLED FORT.



\$40,000,000 IN LOAN POOL

J. Pierpont Morgan Heads Big Combination of Bankers to Save Market from Possible Panic.

CASH READY FOR BROKERS.

Venezuelan Affairs Added to Tight Money Problem and Other Disturbing Factors—Prompt Action, Which Is Supposed to Revive Confidence.

Concerted action has been taken by Wall street banks and trust companies to avert a possible panic and disastrous failure in the stock market between now and Jan. 1.

A money pool with \$40,000,000 in cash has been formed to extend relief by lending money in the call market, and it will tide over all financial institutions or Stock Exchange houses which legitimately may be helped.

J. Pierpont Morgan, James Stillman, President of the National City Bank, and George F. Baker, President of the First National Bank, constitute the committee appointed by the banks to have full control of the \$40,000,000 emergency fund.

A member of this committee said this afternoon: "Just what will be done for the monetary relief of the financial community will depend upon the extent of the emergency."

"One provision of the agreement is that New York borrowers shall not be required by high money rates. Cash money will be kept near the legal limit of 6 per cent."

The plan really means a pooling of resources of all the banks and local financial institutions.

"It is necessary to be prepared, because all institutions in the financial district are scraping and scheming to get money enough together to pay the \$40,000,000 interest and dividend payments due Jan. 1."

Another President of a Wall street bank said that, while the money was ready to be used at a moment's notice, probably very little of it would have to be used.

"Forewarned is forearmed in Wall street," he said, "and we are now ready to protect the financial interests."

The determination to form the pool was made to-day after developments showed how seriously the Venezuelan crisis was affecting the market and how easily every disturbing factor alarmed traders.

"It will remain in force until after Jan. 1."

\$9,000 FOR MAN'S LIFE.

Widow Recovers Amount from the Brooklyn Heights Railroad.

A verdict for \$9,000 in favor of Mrs. Mary Wallace, of Maspeth, against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company was returned by a jury in the Brooklyn Supreme Court to-day.

Her husband was killed by a trolley car of the company at Throop avenue and Whipple street. She sued for \$30,000.



THE AMERICAN LEGATION.

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 15.—Luther L. Ellworth, United States Consul to Porto Cabello, who is here on leave of absence, says that the bombardment of the forts in Venezuela put the Consulate in danger.

He added: "The Consulate, which stands on a corner of the water front, is but 120 feet from Libertador, and if the vessels stood where they could avoid hitting the town their shot passed near the Consulate."

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"HALT!" SAYS ROOSEVELT TO THE ALLIES.

Sec. Hay, Under Instructions, Notifies Germany and England that They Must Explain the Bombardment of the Forts at Porto Cabello by the Warships.

Kaiser Is Also Notified that American Ships Must Not Be Stopped Unless Blockade Is Effective and Protest Is Entered Against All Interference with Them.

SENATOR CULLOM SAYS OUTLOOK IS OMINOUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Cullom, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, said to-day after his call at the White House: "The situation is ominous. It looks as if England and Germany were trying to see how far they can go without getting into trouble with the United States."

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Hay, after a conference with President Roosevelt, has written a note to Germany and England, asking for an explanation of the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello. The note inquires what is expected to be gained by this action.

In view of the fact that a warship of Great Britain assisted in the bombardment of the forts, it is regarded as very significant.

Secretary Hay was the first caller at the White House. He was in conference with the President some time and then went to the State Department, where he despatched the notes to the two powers. Upon the reply to these two notes will depend the future action of this Government.

Secretary Hay expresses himself as well satisfied with the situation. To members of Congress, however, the President and Secretary Hay admitted the situation was critical.

In Congress there is a general disposition to distrust Secretary Hay. It is declared that his sympathies are all with Great Britain in the controversy, and that he hesitates to take any action which will effect the policy now being pursued by the British Foreign Office.

It is known that the policy outlined to the United States by Great Britain and Germany did not contemplate the bombardment of any Venezuelan forts, and at the most was to be a peaceful blockade of the ports.

Chairman Hitt, of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House, is opposed to favorably reporting any of the resolutions regarding Venezuela which have been introduced. He believes that should the Shafroth resolution be favorably reported it would result in all European governments looking to the United States as the guarantee of the debts of South and Central American States.

SECRETARY HAY PROTESTS.

Secretary Hay has notified the governments of Germany and Great Britain that the Administration will not remain impassive in Venezuela if the rights of American ships are interfered with.

The German Government informed the United States that when the blockade was established it would turn back all shipping, though no effort would be made to seize the ships. The United States Government made no response to this statement at the time (last year), not feeling called upon to do so before the presentation of an actual case.

But now that the blockade is sought to be established, Secretary Hay has informed the German Government that American ships should not be interfered with in their trading, except the inhibition applies to all shipping; and, further, the note intimates a disapproval of stoppage at all. In so doing, the State Department is following a precedent, for during the efforts of the powers to establish a "peaceful blockade" of Orefe in 1896, Secretary Sherman formally recorded a refusal to be bound by it.

It happened that no American ship had occasion to enter a Cretan port during the brief period of time the blockade was in force, so the issue was not made then, but in the present case, with regular lines of American steamers entering Venezuelan ports at short intervals, a test case must soon follow. It is within the legal right of the allies to close these ports.

HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT.

But probably this can be accomplished without protest on our part only after a formal declaration of war. The hope is growing here that such a declaration can, after all, be avoided owing to the energy with which Mr. Bowen has acted. The proposal of President Castro to the allied powers for a peaceful settlement was suggested by Mr. Bowen, and it came to the State Department through his hands.

It has been forwarded to London and Berlin through the embassies here, and, as both Great Britain and Germany have heretofore professed a desire to settle the issues peaceably, it is hoped that they will avail themselves of this opportunity.

The proposal did not mention the method of arbitration, nor the limitations, and the point of doubt, which may prevent the acceptance of the scheme, is believed to be Castro's unwillingness to bind himself in advance to the recognition of the principle of liability; he would leave the arbitrators to determine whether or not he is liable at all.

Lieut.-Commander Tuerk, first officer of the German cruiser Gazelle, has taken command of the captured Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, which is now flying the German flag. As soon as the Restaurador has been taken to the German flag, it is hoped that they will avail themselves of this opportunity.

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